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Dear Colleagues

We are looking forward to meeting with you in six Regional Meetings during the next couple of weeks. As you know, we will have very important discussions about a New Framework for Adult Education, including important policy changes, funding, enrollment goals and 2007-08 grant continuation requirements.

[Funding levels](#) for 2007-08 have been announced, but please hold off on planning next year's program design, budget and staffing patterns because you will need to know the details to be provided at the upcoming Regional Meetings. Providers will have ample opportunity to join KYAE staff in a discussion of the New Framework and to ask questions at that time.

Also, please remember the deadline for nominating a colleague, student or organization for a [Learning for Life](#) award is May 15. We want to be able to recognize excellence in adult education in your region at our conferences in late summer and really need your nominations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Hindman Hawker".

We want to hear from GED students

KYAE is gathering input from GED students and graduates in two different surveys. Please read the information below and remind your students to complete the surveys when asked.

First, the Council on Postsecondary Education is preparing to launch a statewide College Access Campaign to bring attention to postsecondary education. Part of the campaign will target adult education students and GED graduates.

To inform the campaign, KYAE has prepared a Web-based survey for GED graduates or students who are close to earning a GED. Participants are asked to complete a brief survey that will take approximately 10 minutes. They will be asked for opinions on college costs, financial aid, barriers and other topics.



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Please encourage your students visit www.kyae.ky.gov/survey and take a few minutes to make their voices heard.

Second, in June, GED test examiners will ask students to complete a short survey after taking the GED test. The purpose of the survey is to improve test preparation, test informational materials and the test-taking process for those who will take the GED in the future. Please encourage students to complete the survey.

Thanks for your help with these important efforts.

PD updates – deadlines approaching

Please keep in mind these upcoming professional development deadlines:

June 1 is the cutoff date for creating a self-directed activity (SDA). No SDA enrollments can be entered in PDtrack after June 1.

June 15 is the deadline for educators to complete SDAs. It is also the deadline for supervisors to mark SDAs as complete on PDtrack. Please work to make sure sufficient documentation is in the staff folder for each SDA completed.

During June, all adult educators should check their PD history to verify all information is correct. It is *not* necessary to reconcile the history to the year's PD plan. Please make sure the required number of PDUs has been earned.

PD Plan Reminder -- We have noticed that some plans for this year are still not checked out properly. Once your plan has been approved, you need to commit to your "Approved" plan. But you're not finished yet – you need to check out and register your plan too.

Q: How will I know if I've registered my plan?

A: There is one easy way to determine if your plan is checked out and registered:

- In PDtrack, click on the Audit tab and then click on PD History. If the courses you put in your plan are listed, your plan is active and registered.
- If you do not register your plan before the end of the year, you may create some problems next year when you try to create a new plan.
- Please check to be sure your professional development activities are accurate.

Year-end completions in KYVAE

Since KYVAE was linked to AERIN, the online courses run on the same fiscal year term. All active PLATO and WIN students will be completed and unenrolled at year end. Adult educators may enroll these students again after the next year begins.

Please keep June 30 in mind as you enroll new students or make new assignments for current students. If you have questions, contact Erika Larson at (502) 573-5114, ext.104 or Erika.Larson@ky.gov.

Mark your calendar for KYAE Regional Conferences

KYAE is moving ahead with plans for the 2007 KYAE Regional Conferences – information is below and posted on [KYAE's Web site](#). The Web site also has information about hotel accommodations and PDUs.

KYAE-funded adult educators will register for the conference online this year; registration is expected to open in early June. KYAE-funded staff will be able to register only for the conference scheduled for their region. There will not be a registration fee for KYAE-funded staff to attend the 2007 Regional Conferences.

Please remember to mark your calendars because you won't want to miss this very important professional development and networking opportunity...plus lots of good food and fellowship.

- **Region 3 Conference** on August 16 and 17, Brown Hotel, Louisville
- **Regions 4, 5 and 6 Conference** on August 23 and 24, Griffin Gate Marriott Resort, Lexington
- **Regions 1 and 2 Conference** on September 6 and 7, Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel, Bowling Green

KYAE is planning sessions covering topics such as teaching strategies for reading and math, using data, learning disabilities, GED testing, family literacy, assessments and learning styles. AERIN training for new and current users will be delivered at the conferences.

Boyd County shares resource idea

Joan Flanery, director of Boyd County Adult Education, has an "exceptional resource" to recommend to other programs. A college student, Deana Barnes, has worked as an intern in the Boyd County program since January. Joan says Deana, a social work major at Morehead State University, has been a "wonderful asset."

In a hands-on practicum, Deana has taught classes and counseled students. Before her practicum with the Boyd County program, she had experience working in a homeless shelter and teaching life skill classes. Joan calls the internship "a great experience for both sides."

College pays off!

More than ever, college really pays off now due to the law of supply and demand. Employers are paying four-year college graduates (without graduate school) 75 percent more than they pay high school graduates. Twenty-five years ago, they were paying just 40 percent more, says the *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ).

According to Harvard labor economist Lawrence Katz, employers want better-educated workers, thus creating a strong demand for college graduates. But supply is not increasing fast enough to keep up. "This is the first generation of American-born men who don't have substantially more education than their fathers' generation," Katz told the WSJ. American women have more education than their mothers, he notes, but not enough to offset this trend.

Harvard's Claudia Golden and Katz will release their new book, *The Race Between Education and Technology*, later this year. For more information, contact cgoldin@harvard.edu or lkatz@harvard.edu or see WSJ, April 19, 2007, p. A2.